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BEFORE THE	ADMINISTRATOR
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY-REGION VII
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In the Matter of)	Docket No. TSCA-07-2003-0021
INDIAN RIDGE PARTNERSHIP d/b/a INDIAN RIDGE APARTMENTS)	
Respondent)	

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

This proceeding for the assessment of a civil penalty was initiated on or about November 21, 2002, pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), 15 U.S.C. § 2615(a), when the United States Environmental Protection Agency (Complainant) issued Indian Ridge Partnership, d/b/a Indian Ridge Apartments, of Davenport, Iowa (Respondent), a Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing.

The Complaint charged Respondent with violations of Section 409 of TSCA, 15 U.S.C. § 2689, and the regulations of 40 C.F.R. part 745, subpart F - Disclosure of Known Lead-Based Paint and/or Lead-Based Paint Hazards Upon Sale or Lease of Residential Property

("Disclosure Rule"), which were promulgated pursuant to Section 1018 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4851 et seq.

The Complaint proposed a civil penalty of Four Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$4,400.00) for these alleged violations. The parties entered into negotiations in an attempt to settle the allegations contained in the Complaint. This Consent Agreement and Final Order is the result of such negotiations, and fully and finally resolve the allegations contained in the Complaint.

CONSENT AGREEMENT

- 1. For the purposes of this proceeding, Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations of the Complaint, and neither admits nor denies the factual allegations of the Complaint.
- 2. Respondent waives its right to contest the allegations of the Complaint and its right to appeal the Final Order accompanying this Consent Agreement.
- 3. Respondent and Complainant agree to conciliate this matter without the necessity of a formal hearing and to bear their respective costs and attorneys' fees.
- 4. Respondent certifies by the signing of this Consent Agreement and Final Order that to the best of Respondent's knowledge, it is presently in compliance with all requirements of 40 C.F.R. part 745, subpart F.
- 5. Respondent consents to the issuance of the Final Order hereinafter recited and consents to the payment of a mitigated civil penalty in the amount of Six Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$616.00), to be paid within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Final Order.
- 6. Respondent understands that its failure to timely pay any portion of the mitigated civil penalty stated in Paragraph 5 above, may result in the commencement of a civil action in Federal District Court to recover the full remaining balance, along with penalties and accumulated interest. In such case, interest shall accrue thereon at the applicable statutory rate on the unpaid balance until such civil penalty and any accrued interest are paid in full. Additionally, as provided by 31 U.S.C. § 3717(e)(2), a six percent (6%) per annum penalty (late charge) may be assessed on any amount not paid within ninety (90) days of the due date.

FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to the provisions of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), 15 U.S.C. §§ 2601 et seq, and based upon the information set forth in the Consent Agreement accompanying this Final Order, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent shall pay a mitigated civil penalty of Six Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$616.00) within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Final Order. Such payment shall identify the Respondent by name and docket number and shall be by certified or cashier's check made payable to the "United States Treasury" and sent to:

EPA-Region 7 c/o Mellon Bank P.O. Box 360748M Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15251.

2. A copy of the check must simultaneously be sent to the following:

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region VII
901 N. 5th Street
Kansas City, Kansas 66101; and

Julie L. Murray
Office of Regional Counsel
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
901 N. 5th Street
Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

3. Respondent and Complainant shall bear their own costs and attorneys' fees incurred as a result of this matter.

RESPONDENT INDIAN RIDGE PARTNERSHIP d/b/a INDIAN RIDGE APARTMENTS

WZ David Borker Owner

COMPLAINANT

U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Julie L. Murray

Assistant Regional Counsel

EPA, Region 7

IT IS SO ORDERED. This Order shall become effective immediately.

Date: June 1/e, 2003

ROBERT L. PATRICK Regional Judicial Officer

EPA, Region 7

IN THE MATTER OF Indian Ridge Partnership d/b/a Indian Ridge Apartments, Respondent Docket No. TSCA-07-2003-0021

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing Consent Agreement and Final Order was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees:

Copy hand delivered to Attorney for Complainant:

Julie L. Murray
Senior Assistant Regional Counsel
Region VII
United States Environmental Protection Agency
901 N. 5th Street
Kansas City, Kansas 66101

Copy by Certified Mail Return Receipt to:

Troy D. Venner Lane & Waterman 220 North Main Street, Suite 600 Davenport, Iowa 52801-1987

Copy by Facsimile and First Class Pouch Mail to:

The Honorable Susan L. Biro Chief Administrative Law Judge U. S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Mail Code 1900L Washington, D. C. 20460

and

The Honorable William B. Moran Administrative Law Judge U. S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Mail Code 1900L Washington, D. C. 20460

Dated: 6/16/03

Kathy Robinson

Regional Hearing Clerk